THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Government's subscription to magazines and newspapers published in India and abroad depends on requirements of our Missions, which varies from time to time. The question of subscription to different magazines and newspapers is reviewed periodically.

Review of INDO-US Ties

4658. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement by a foreign Minister which appeared in the Patriot dated the 4th July, 1992, New Delhi under the heading 'India Reviewing Ties with U.S.' stated that he would like India and other non-aligned countries to play their due role in the changed circumstances; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India believes that Non-alignment continues to be relevant in the changing international situation today, and that the Non-alignment Movement has an important role to play in world affairs. In this context of India's commitment to NAM, India is working to further strengthen India-US relations.

Containment of Chernobyl

4659. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chernobyl has not been contained so far and it poses a great danger to the entire world as reported in Economic Times of 5th July, 1992; and

(b) whether there has been any call for containment of the effects of Chernobyl incident; if so; what has been Government of India's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No Sir. According to the latest information available with us, the Russian Ministry of Atomic Power has denied the Japanese Newspaper report that the sarcophagus around the destroyed Chernobyl — 4 unit has been breached. They have said that the containment of the Chernobyl-4 is in normal condition.

Since the damaged reactor components within the containment are sources of heat, weakening of the containment over long periods cannot be ruled out. To guard against such a possibility, the Ukranian Government is planning to build an 'Ecologically Safe System' around the present containment and has announced a contest for proposals of such a system.

(b) India is not participating in the contest, being planned by the Ukranian Government.

Arrest of Indians in UAE

4660. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indians have been arrested in the UAE for organising and participating in a drama competition and if so, the deatils thereof; and

(b) if so, the efforts initiated by Government for the release of the Indians and the present state of the matter?